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Michael Scott talks about becoming State Librarian

Michael Scott was selected to become Iowa's 28th State Librarian on September 17 by the Iowa Commission of Libraries. He will take over his new post on Monday, November 17. Scott is currently assistant director, Southeastern Libraries Cooperating (SELCO), Rochester, MN. SELCO is one of twelve regional library systems in Minnesota. He has been with SELCO since 2008.

Said Scott, "I'm very excited and humbled to become the next State Librarian of Iowa. I look forward to working with the Iowa Library Services staff to provide leadership to Iowa libraries, and to working with libraries all across Iowa as they provide great service and increased access to information for all Iowans."

Scott noted that it's an exciting time to be in libraries because of the many new ways of connecting with library users in their communities.

"The future is filled with challenges, such as ample funding and the need for everyone to be digitally included," said Scott, "However, the future is also bright with the many opportunities libraries have to collaborate to ensure the needs of library users and the community are being served. It's time to move forward together."

Iowa Commission of Libraries Chair Dan Boice expressed his confidence in Scott.

"The Commission noted that Michael brings great experience in coordinating activities with all sizes and all kinds of libraries that should be especially helpful as collaboration becomes more important in continuing to strengthen Iowa's libraries."

Some of Scott's other responsibilities as part of the leadership team include working with SELCO's multi-type library members in the areas of continuing education, advocacy, and resource sharing. He is also the point person for the current strategic planning process. Earlier, Scott was manager of Corporate Library Services, Orlando Regional Health Care, FL. He served as the 2011 Minnesota Library Association Legislative Chair.

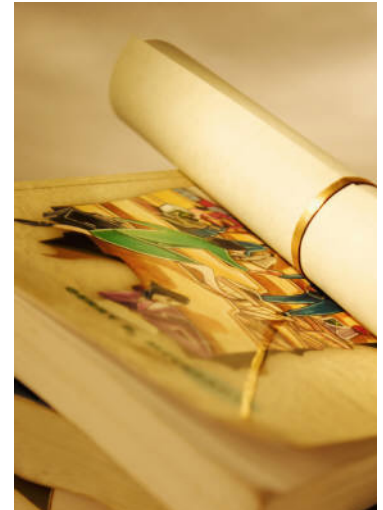




New certification program for non-directors and support staff

In November, Iowa Library Services is starting a new certification program specifically for non-directors and library support staff, "Public Library Staff Certification." The new program is an option for library staff seeking an alternative to pursuing and maintaining director certification.

The current certification program will be re-named "Public Library Director Certification." Other than the new name, nothing about the current certification program is changing. No action needs to be taken by staff and directors participating in the current program. Certified staff who are interested in switching to the Public Library Staff certification should contact [Alysia Peich](#).



What's the difference between Public Library Staff Certification and Public Library Director Certification?

Public Library Staff Certification

Must either have Master's in Library & Information Science (MILS) OR pass Public Library Support

Valid for 3 calendar years

30 continuing education credit hours to recertify

Not a required standard for staff at libraries participating in Accreditation program

Public Library Director Certification

Must either have Master's in Library & Information Science (MLIS) OR pass Public Library Management 1 & 2

Valid for 3 calendar years

45 continuing education credit hours to recertify

Required Tier 1 standard for directors at libraries participating in Accreditation program

What's the difference between Public Library Support class and Public Library Management classes?

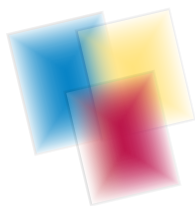
Public Library Support (PLS)

Required class for non-MLIS library staff seeking Staff Certification

Public Library Management (PLM)

Required class for non-MLIS library staff seeking Director Certification

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Offered twice a year

Offered twice a year (1 and 2 offered in summer on a rotating basis)

One 5-week class

Two 8-week classes

Meets online for 2 hours a week

Meets in person the first of 8 weeks, then online 3 hours a week for the remaining 7 weeks

Limited to 25 participants per class

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No priority list for admission

Directors have first priority, then assistant directors, heads of departments, etc.

Content geared towards staff

Content geared towards directors

\$20 for entire 5 weeks

\$35 for each 8-week session

The content of Public Library Support is geared towards library staff and covers the following topics:

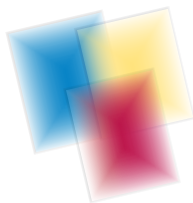
- Principles of online learning
- Relationships between staff, directors, the board and the city
- Communication
- Collections and intellectual freedom
- Technology

The inaugural Public Library Support class starts in November 2014. Registration will open in October.

Five Iowa librarians generously volunteered their time to help Iowa Library Services staff beta-test the Public Library Support class by providing feedback and making suggestions for the program. Thank you to:

- Andrea Miedema, Orange City Public Library
- Emily Todd, Stubbs Memorial Library (Holstein)
- Mary Bertrand, Clinton Public Library
- Ruth Mahaffy, Sioux Center Public Library
- Tami Coil, Sloan Public Library





ILS Commisioner Boyd elected to national board

David K. Boyd, Iowa State Court Administrator and a member of the Iowa Commission of Libraries, was recently elected president of the Conference of State Court Administrators (COSCA). The position also makes him vice chair of the Board of Directors for the National Center for State Courts (NCSC). Both positions are one-year terms.

COSCA is comprised of the chief executives of the court systems in each state, the District of Columbia, and the U.S. territories. The conference is committed to strengthening the judicial branch by improving the quality of state courts and increasing the public's trust and confidence in the justice system.

NCSC, headquartered in Williamsburg, Va., is a non-profit court organization dedicated to improving the administration of justice by providing leadership and service to the state courts. NCSC was founded in 1971 by the Conference of Chief Justices and Chief Justice of the United States Supreme Court Warren E. Burger. It provides education, training, technology, management, and research services to the nation's state courts.

"We are honored that David has moved into a leadership role with the National Center and in the nation's court community," said Mary C. McQueen, NCSC president. "He's an outstanding leader and positive force, and his knowledge and experience are invaluable to the National Center."

Said Boyd, "One personal highlight for me will come in November when the NCSC hosts an awards dinner at the U.S. Supreme Court. The dinner is held in what's called the Great Hall just outside the courtroom in the U.S. Supreme Court building, and my wife and I will be sharing the head table with Chief Justice John Roberts and his wife."

Boyd has served on the Iowa Commission of Libraries since May 2003 when he was appointed State Court Administrator, a position which holds a permanent seat on the Commission.



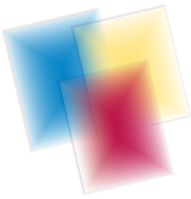
David K. Boyd

Mark your calendar for 2015 AIR webinar



Although the title of the 2015 All Iowa Reads selection won't be announced until Friday, October 24 at the Iowa Library Association (ILA) Conference, plan now to attend a webinar on the new title from 10:30 a.m. to noon, January 21, 2015. The webinar provides book discussion leaders with lots of good information on the 2015 selection, as well as a review of the book.

Thomas Maltmen, author of the 2014 AIR book *Little Wolves*, will speak Friday noon at the ILA Conference. All libraries and book discussion groups that added information about their 2014 AIR programs on the Iowa Center for the Book website are eligible to win 10 paperback copies of the 2015 book. The drawing will also be held Friday noon at the conference.



Summer Library Program workshops set

Get ready for next year's Summer Library Program by attending one of several workshops coming up in late October and early November.

The overall theme for the 2015 Collaborative Summer Library Program is "Heroes."

Early Literacy and Children's theme: Every Hero Has a Story

Teens' theme: Unmask!

Adult theme: Escape the Ordinary

Presenters this year are Kelly Stern, children's librarian at the Cedar Falls Public Library (Northeast District) and Rachel Loutsch, youth services librarian at the Sibley Public Library (Northwest District). There will be lots of ideas and displays. The *Collaborative Summer Library Program Manual* will be mailed to all libraries prior to the workshop. ***Please bring the manual to the workshops.***

Registration opens at all locations at 10 a.m. except Cherokee which begins at 9 a.m. Roundtable discussions will be built into the workshops. Lunch is on your own; locations of restaurants will be provided. For more information and to register, check the [IaLS Continuing Education catalog](#).

Tues., 10/28/2014
10 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.
Cass County Community Center
Atlantic, IA

Wed., 10/29/2014
9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.
Western Iowa Tech Community College
Cherokee, IA

Thurs., 10/30/2014
10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
Music Man Square
Mason City, IA

Tues., 11/04/2014
10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
Waterloo Center for the Arts
Waterloo, IA

Wed., 11/05/2014
10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
North Liberty Community Library
North Liberty, IA

Thurs., 11/06/2014
10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
DMACC - Southridge Mall
Des Moines, IA

Two new mail lists for libraries announced

The Western Conference of Library Development Directors, of which Nancy Medema, IaLS, is a member, recently released information on a couple of mail lists that may be of interest to Iowa libraries.

The first list is on the topic of evaluation and research in public libraries (PL-EVAL).

(<http://www.cvl-lists.org/mailman/listinfo/pl-eval>)

The second is for libraries interested in creation and maker space centers in libraries (CREATE).

(<http://www.cvl-lists.org/mailman/listinfo/create>)

Both are free to join and discussion on the topics is encouraged.



Certification Update

Congratulations to the following public library staff certified for the first time through the [Iowa Library Services' Certification Program for Public Librarians](#).

Leslie Anstedt, Polk City
 Lillian Berry, Sibley
 Gracy Clair, Hiawatha
 Dreama Deskins, Johnston
 Sandy Deyoe, Des Moines
 Stacy Goodhue, Carlisle
 Stephanie Grooms, Dike
 Heather Grotluschen, Ashton
 Jenisa Hanson, Washington
 Elizabeth Kingdon, Marcus
 Lois Langreck, Waucoma
 Patrick Lienemann, Williamsburg
 Ashley Molzen, Des Moines

Susan Meyer, New Hartford
 Robyn Miller, Spencer and Webb
 Samuel Mitchel, Ankeny
 Laura Newby, Union
 Paul Odell, Bettendorf
 Angela Scales, Ida Grove
 Jessica Schafer, West Branch
 Dara Schmidt, Cedar Rapids
 Deborah Sebby, Clarion
 Barbara Spicer, South English
 Rebecca Vernon, Anamosa
 Susan Woody, Des Moines
 Erin Zaputil, Hiawatha



Iowa represented at Association of Rural and Small Libraries Conference

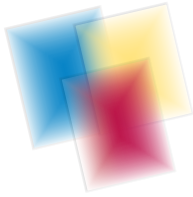
Iowa Library Services Consultant, Maryann Mori, Central District, gave a preconference presentation at this year's Association of Rural and Small Libraries Conference, Tacoma, WA. Her topic was "A Cram Course in Youth Services."

Jet Kofoot, IaLS consultant, NC District, currently serves on the ARSL board. Tena Hansen, Estherville Public Library is serving as Past President.

Quite a few Iowa librarians were able to attend this year's conference. Topics ranged from children's programming, to fund-raising, to dealing with boards, to keeping up with technology and more.



From left, Maryann Mori and Jet Kofoot, consultants, IaLS; and Mary Murphy, director, Perry Public Library at the ARSL Conference



News from around the state

Deb Heidemann, director, Benny Gambiani Public Library, Shell Rock, is retiring in December. She worked for the library 27 years, 4 1/2 as the director.

September 30 was retirement day for librarian Kathy Meyer of Bonaparte. She wrote on lowalib, "Please know that each of you is a very important part of your community and when you feel that what you're doing doesn't matter, look at the smile on someone's face when you help them find or achieve exactly what they wanted...."

Also retiring September 30 was Sandi Brunscheen, library director in Clarence for nine years. She wrote, "Thank you to everyone who made my life as a librarian so much fun. I have learned so much from each and everyone of you."



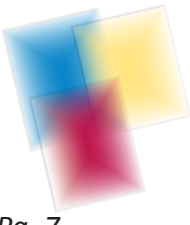
Cathy Schwartz has retired from the West Point Public Library. Said Schwartz, "It's been an honor to meet and learn from all of you."

Several libraries re-open after new additions/renovations

Fertile Public Library held a grand re-opening of its building addition on July 21. Said Trisha Hicks, library resources technician, North Central District, "They are a tiny town and had little library space before the addition. They deserve recognition for this great accomplishment."

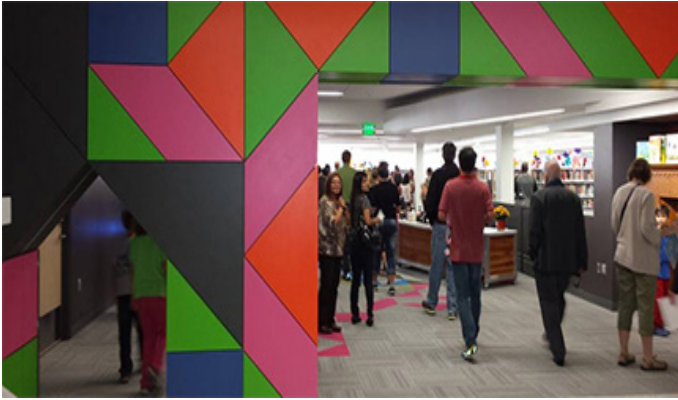


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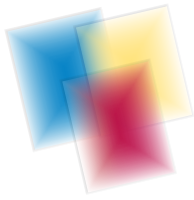
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Ames Public Library held its grand re-opening September 14. The renovation increased the size of the library by around 63% to about 78,000 square feet.



Waukon celebrated the re-opening of its remodeled library (Robey Memorial) on September 13. Construction nearly doubled the library square footage, adding a larger community room for programming, private study rooms, a dedicated teen area and improved and increased shelving space.





Jo Weidner, Washington Public Library, decided to take a fair's "everything on a stick" slant one step further. At this year's county fair, Weidner put signs on sticks advertising story hours on the fair grounds. At the end of the stories, she had a notebook for people to sign to let her know how many people enjoyed the event.

"We haven't been disappointed with the numbers on the last few we did," said Weidner. "It's truly the healthiest thing on a stick at the fair."



To view photos from this year's Town Meetings, visit the Iowa [Library Services/State Library Facebook page](#).

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